

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. A telephone answering device, comprising:

(a) voice message recording means for recording messages from callers calling said answering device;

(b) Caller ID data recording means for recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said device; and

(c) interface means for transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved;

wherein said interface means is adapted to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a Caller ID device coupled to a telephone used to retrieve the recorded messages such that said Caller ID data may be used by said telephone to call back a number associated with said Caller ID data.

15. (New) A telecommunications system, comprising:

a voice message storage and retrieval unit;

a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data from callers calling said system;

an interface configured to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

a call control system configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data;

wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause a number corresponding to received Caller ID data to be called by said call control system.

16. (New) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said call control

system is a PBX.

17. (New) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) gatekeeper.

18. (New) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said call control system is a wireless carrier system.

19. (New) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said call control system is a central office.

20. (New) A telecommunications method, comprising:
recording messages from callers calling an answering device;
recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said answering device;
transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a Caller ID device coupled to a telephone used to retrieve the recorded messages such that said Caller ID data may be used by said telephone to call back a number associated with said Caller ID data.

21. (New) A telecommunications method, comprising:
recording messages from callers calling an answering device;
recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said answering device;
transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a call control system wherein said call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause a number corresponding to received Caller ID data to be called by said call control system.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21 wherein said call control system is a PBX.

23. (New) A method according to claim 21 wherein said call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) Gatekeeper.

24. (New) A method according to claim 21 wherein said call control system is a wireless carrier system.

25. (New) A method according to claim 21 wherein said call control system is a central office.